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EX PARTE

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting Regarding Bell Atlantic Network Services
Transmittals 1373 and 1374; CC Docket No. 01-140

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission Rules, this letter is to provide notice in the above-captioned proceeding of an ex parte meeting. On September 17, 2001, Richard Rindler and Harry Malone, on behalf of ALTS, Allegiance Telecom, Inc., Covad Communications Co., Focal Communications, Inc., Network Plus, Inc., and XO Communications, Inc., met with Tamara Preiss, Jay Atkinson and Paul Moon of the Common Carrier Bureau. At the meeting we discussed our concerns that Verizon's new rates were not justified, particularly as they related to EF&I, B&LI and Overhead Loading Factors.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, one copy of this letter is being submitted to the Electronic Comment Filing System for filing in the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

Harry N. Malone